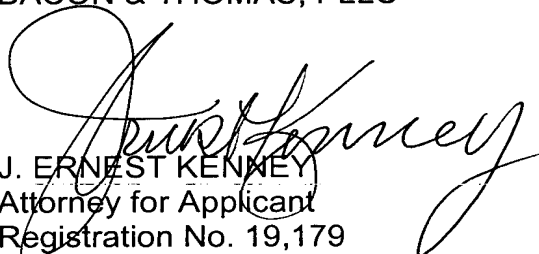


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clear terms. None of the amendments are intended to narrow any element of the claims as they stood prior to amendment. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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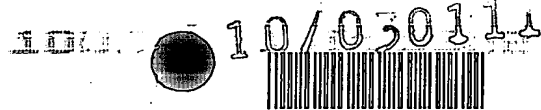


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APPENDIX OF MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

4(Amended). Sorting device according to claim 2 [or 3], characterized in that the light sources (17 - 18 - 32) are semiconductor laser sources.

6(Amended). Sorting device according to claim 2 [or 3], characterized in that the light sources (17 - 18 - 32) are solid matter laser sources.

7(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the light sources (17 - 18 - 32) radiate light of a different wavelength.

8(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of claims 2 to 7] claim 2, characterized in that the coupling-in optics (21 - 22 - 33) [consist of] comprise connectorized components.

9(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of claims 2 to 7] claim 2, characterized in that the coupling-in optics (21 - 22 - 33) are provided with connectors.

10(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of claims 2 to 9] claim 2, characterized in that the combining unit (23) comprises dichroic elements.

11(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of claims 2 to 9] claim 2, characterized in that the combining unit (23) makes use of fused optical wavelength technology.

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15(Amended). Sorting device according to claim 13 [or 14], characterized in that the bundle (40) of waveguides (41 - 42) is divided into separate parts (45 - 46 - 53) which correspond to well-defined portions of the formed image.

17(Amended). Sorting device according to claim 15 [or 16], characterized in that each of the parts (45 - 46 - 53) are separated from each other by means for avoiding cross-coupling between the parts (45 - 46 - 53).

18(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of the claims 15 to 17] claim 15, characterized in that the bundles forming the aforementioned respective parts (45 - 46 - 53) are led separately to detectors (50) and/or splitting optics (51).

19(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of the claims 15 to 18] claim 15, characterized in that several bundles (40 - 56) [consisting of] comprising different parts are used after the image has been divided into two or more images by means of splitting optics (55).

21(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of claims 12 to 20] claim 12, characterized in that the optical waveguides [consist of] comprise fibers with a large core diameter/mantle diameter ratio and/or a high numerical aperture.

22(Amended). Sorting device according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that the inspection unit (2), as well at the sending side as at the detection side, is provided with means making use of waveguide technology.

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25(Amended). Sorting device according to claim 23 [or 24], characterized in that at the sending side and/or detection side of the inspection unit (2), use is made of two or more waveguide systems.

[26. Sorting device, characterized in that it shows a combination of characteristics of two or more of the claims 1 to 25.]

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